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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We strongly oppose the US Telecom petition. We depend on broadband service to connect us to the world, family and volunteer activities. The Dalles is a rural area 80 miles east of Portland.

We are long- time customers of Gorge Networks and can attest to their excellent customer servicequick, pleasant and competent. We are fortunate to enjoy good service, affordable rates and excellent speed.

Once in place and without competition Century Link will raise rates. Respectful and responsive service will not be a priority. We have friends who have experienced their service.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Gorge Networks to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers. The US Telecom petition is not good!!

Sincerely,

Diane & Steve Bungum